

## ARTS AND CULTURE



### ETHNIC FESTIVALS

Redmond has seen dramatic demographic change in the last few decades including people from a number of countries coming here to work in digital and other high tech workplaces in the area. Ethnic cultural festivals are a way for the community to share cultures and learn about each other.



### CONCERT / PERFORMANCE

Concerts and other performances can be hosted in the park. A built-in stage could be helpful for smaller events; big events often bring their own equipment and need a paved area to set it up.



### TEMPORARY ART INSTALLATION

Art on display in a public park brings people in to experience and engage with it. Redmond has an on-going tradition of art in public places already.



### VIDEO / DIGITAL DISPLAY

Public art can be digital or video based in ways that make the public into active participants in the experience.



### LIGHT FESTIVAL

Redmond is well known for its light festival. Downtown Park will become part of this existing event and offer the potential for new light-related events.

## MARKET



### FARMERS MARKET

Redmond has an existing Farmers Market in the Downtown. The design process for Downtown Park will look at its future and how it will relate to and support the park in coming years.



### CRAFT FAIR

Craft fairs are an opportunity for artists and makers to display and sell their creations in their community. These fairs can be tied to holidays or occur on a monthly or even weekly basis.



### NIGHT MARKET

Night markets are gaining in popularity all over the Northwest. The Park could be a place to host one; the Connector and Cleveland Street are also being studied as possible venues for a night market.



### ART MARKET

Artists can be invited to set up their work for sale in the park or along its edges. These displays attract people to the park and animate the paths along which they are positioned.



### WINTER HOLIDAY MARKET

Winter holidays are key times to have markets since they are times of gift-giving. These markets can bring a park alive in the dreary winter months, especially with effective lighting.

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY



### SPLASH PAD / WATER PLAY

Kids love water play. A splash pad offers jets of water and shallow puddles to play in. When not turned on, the location can be used for programming that needs areas of paved space for setting up.



### MOVIES IN THE PARK

Movies now take place in Marymoor Park and in Redmond Parks, sponsored by the Teen Center. This popular night programming could also suit Downtown Park. Seats can be set up on paved areas and blankets spread on lawn to watch.



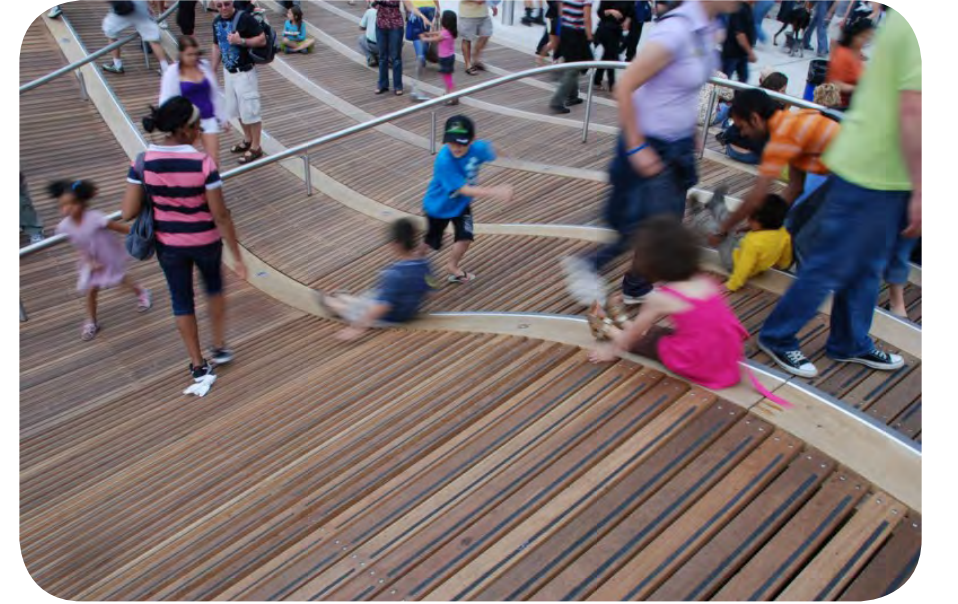
### THEATER / ART PERFORMANCES

Downtown Park has already been the setting for theatre and dance events. Past public consultation suggests that the community wants more of these events.



### HOLIDAY EVENTS

Public holidays offer opportunities for events: an Easter egg hunt, pumpkin carving at Halloween, and lanterns for the solstice are examples.



### CHILDREN'S PLAY

Places for children's play are classic park program features. They can take the form of playgrounds or play can be built into other park features from benches to structures.

## CULINARY



### FOOD FESTIVAL

Food has a powerful ability to bring people out into a public park. Food events are popular throughout the Seattle area and could be attracted to Redmond with the right venue.



### FOOD TRUCKS

Food trucks could be invited to set up in the park or along its edges on special days or on a regular basis.



### COMMUNITY DINNER

Events that bring people together to eat in a public place can build community and raise funds for charity. Paved space with simple infrastructure like water, light, and electricity is what organizers need for these events.



### CAFE IN THE PARK

A place to buy and eat food in the park could be permanent and might contribute financially to the park as well.



### SPECIAL EVENT BEER GARDEN

Beer gardens are great attractions on their own or as part of a larger festival. A space that meets government regulations is needed to set one up.

## RECREATION / HEALTH



### WALKS AND RUNS

Walks, Runs, and Rides for charities are growing in the Redmond area as programs that have the potential to use Redmond Downtown Park as starting or end points, as a rest stop, and for activities to engage participants and their families.



### FITNESS CLASSES/DEMONSTRATIONS

Fitness in the park is a good use of an open green with potential for classes in good weather to charity events like yogathons.



### BICYCLE RACES AND EVENTS

Redmond's longest standing event is Derby Days, a major cycling event. Cycling events can use Redmond Park as a node on their routes, tying into a network of trails and road routes that is expanding in the region.



### HEALTH FAIR

Health and fitness can be the focus for fairs and demonstrations that will attract people to the park. Infrastructure for booths and displays and a stage for shows could be useful for these events.



### ICE SKATING

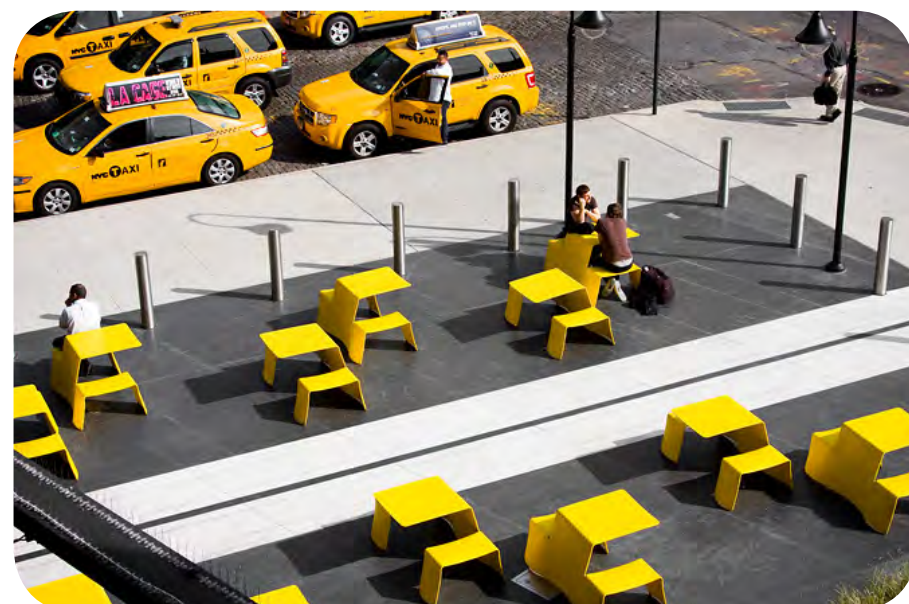
Ice skating is a popular winter activity with a historic presence in Redmond. Potential for an ice surface could be either permanent or a place for a temporary installation. Ideally, some weather protection for the ice would be useful in our wet climate.

## EVERYDAY USE



### PASSIVE GREEN

An open lawn area for sunning, lounging, picnicking, and informal games is a common element in many downtown parks.



### PICNIC TABLES / PLACES TO EAT

Outdoor eating brings people into public parks. Provision of tables and seating can add comfort to eating outside and helps to extend use into the colder seasons.



### WATER PLAY

The chance to play in water is a major attraction for children. When children are entertained then the adults with them enjoy their time in the park too.



### WEATHER PROTECTION

An area that is protected from the rain can make it possible to use the park on wet days. It can also make planning for events more predictable if parts of the program depend on staying dry.



### WI-FI CONNECTION

Many parks are attracting users with free Wi-Fi. Given Redmond's digital community, this seems like a good idea.

# program

Downtown Park, Redmond WA